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- defining, by the computer, first time units that represent time periods which a trainee specifies to spend on a training course;
 - defining, by the computer, second time units that represent time periods required to execute training units of the training course;
 - creating a progress plan, by the computer, for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
 - monitoring, by the computer, as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

2. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, further comprising notifying the trainee when the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

3. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, further comprising storing a monitoring result.

4. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, further comprising recreating the progress plan when the training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

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5. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 4, further comprising terminating the training course when, more than once, the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

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~~6. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 5, further comprising notifying the trainee of the termination of the training course.~~

7. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 1, further comprising sending the progress plan to the trainee after its creation.

8. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 7, wherein in said sending comprises, making the training units available to the trainee via a computer network.

9. (Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 8, wherein in said sending comprises, making the training units available to the trainee via at least one of an in-house computer network, a global computer network, an Intranet, or the Internet.

B2 11. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 9, further comprising notifying the trainee via electronic mail when the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan or that the training course has been terminated.

12. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 9, further comprising sending the progress plan to the trainee via electronic mail.

13. (Twice Amended) A process for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 9, further comprising making available the progress plan on a web page to which the trainee has access.

Sub E2 14. (Twice Amended) A ~~program-product~~ ^{computer readable medium} for enabling a computer to perform the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course comprising:

a computer readable medium, ~~and~~ instructions on said computer readable medium for executing the following steps:

- defining first time units that represent time periods which a trainee specifies to spend on a training course;

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- defining second time units that represent time periods required to execute training units of the training course;
 - creating a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
 - monitoring as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

15. (Amended) A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course comprising at least one unit, characterized in that the computer comprises:

- means for defining first time units that represent time periods which a trainee specifies to spend on a training course;
- means for defining second time units that represent time periods required to execute training units of the training course;
- means for creating a progress plan for the execution of the training course in dependence upon the first time units and the second time units, wherein for each training unit the progress plan specifies a time by which the trainee is to have completed the corresponding training unit; and
- means for monitoring as to whether the corresponding training unit has been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

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16. (Amended) A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 15, further comprising a means for notifying the trainee when the corresponding training unit has not been completed by the time specified in the progress plan.

17. (Twice Amended) A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 15, further comprising a means for storing a monitoring result.

18. (Twice Amended) A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 15, further comprising a means for sending the progress plan to the trainee after its creation.

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~~19. (Twice Amended) A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 15, wherein the computer is connected to a computer~~

20. (Amended) A computer for the automatic creation and monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 19, wherein the computer is connected to at least one of an in-house computer network and a global computer network.

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Please add the following new claim:

22. (New) A program product for enabling a computer to perform the automatic creation and
B3 monitoring of a progress plan for a training course according to Claim 14, wherein the program
product is a compact disc or floppy disc.
